

Louisburg Speaks

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Sidewalks, trails, bike paths may be in City's future

If sidewalks, trails and bike paths are important for the future of Louisburg, then plan to attend an exhibition of master trail plan recommendations later this month.

The exhibition will begin Tuesday, Oct. 24 and run through that week at City Hall. The exhibition will include posters showing the public engagement feedback gathered so far as well as potential recommendations. The information will also be available at Halloween on Broadway, Saturday evening Oct. 28.

The City received a grant from Mid-America Regional Council to conduct a master trails plan. The City is working with SWT Design, Kansas City, to complete that project. The design firm has inventoried and rated all the sidewalks and trails throughout the community. Several public input sessions were conducted throughout town in late August and early September and the recommendations come from those input sessions.

City staff and the consultant partners will share the recommendations with City Council at a November Council meeting.

Stop by City Hall during the week of Oct. 24 to learn more about the master trails plan.

These students prepare to use the new crosswalk to cross Broadway after school recently in the historic Downtown area.

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Snow Buddies accepting volunteers for winter season

The Snow Buddies program is again being offered this winter in Louisburg.

Snow Buddies pairs volunteers who can shovel snow with senior citizens or those with a disability to get snow removed from the public sidewalks on their property and to shovel a pathway from the front door to the sidewalk. The City is accepting applications to be included in the program.

To be on the Snow Buddy list a person must be a senior citizen or have a disability that makes it difficult for them to shovel snow. They must also own their own home or live in a single-family residence.

Volunteers, who are asked to commit the entire snow season, should be able to shovel snow from all public sidewalks on the property as well as remove snow from the front door to the sidewalk within 24 hours of a snow event. If a home has no sidewalks, then snow should be removed from the front door to the mailbox/street. Volunteers are not expected to shovel an entire driveway.

To volunteer, go to the City's website at www.louisburgkansas.gov and click



on the "I Want To" tab and then click on "Volunteer." That will open a page with several different volunteer opportunities. Snow Buddies is listed under the "Good Neighbor" section.

If you are unable to access the volunteer portal on the website, you may call City Hall, 837-5371, and sign up over the phone or stop by City Hall and fill out a form.

The program is on a first-come, first serve basis and is based on the number of assistance requests and volunteers available. The City maintains the volunteer database and administers the program.

Mark your calendars

- Halloween on Broadway is from 5-6:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 28. Broadway businesses as well as others from the community will set up trick-or-treat stations in the downtown area for local ghosts and goblins.
- The LHS Marching Wildcats will perform their Electric Light Show at Wildcat Stadium following Halloween on Broadway. The show starts at 7:30 p.m. Band members, who decorate themselves and their instruments with lights, do their show performance once under the stadium lights and then again after the lights are turned out. A fireworks show ends the performance.
- Election Day — Tuesday, Nov. 7.
- Santa Claus is coming to Louisburg City Hall! He will visit from 4-6 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 3. Watch the City's Facebook page for more information.

Bulky item pickup new feature of trash service

A single bulky item not weighing more than 75 pounds will now be picked up once a month along with regular trash service.

That's a feature of the new trash contract recently approved by the City Council with L&K Group Holdings, a Waste Management Company.

The bulky item pickup will occur the first Tuesday of each month at each residential household. Regular trash, construction debris and liquid or hazardous materials will not be picked up.

Only one item will be picked up each month per household and should be placed curbside for pickup.

The City still plans to have a city-wide clean-up effort in the spring. During that event, households are allowed to set out as much trash as they wish. Items that will not be picked up include tires, hazardous materials, items that might contain engine oil or fuel, white goods, regular trash or

yard waste.

Recycling is included in regular trash collection. Trash services cost \$14.68 per month for those households providing their own containers or bags. Trash carts are available for rent at \$3 for a 95 gallon cart or \$2.50 for a 65 gallon cart. A 65 gallon recycling cart can be rented for \$2.50. Each household is provided a 23 gallon recycle tub.

It's important that all recyclables be rinsed and clean, Bryce Smith, the local Waste Management district manager, said. If leftover food is found in containers, those items then go in the regular trash. Smith also said plastic sacks from grocery and discount stores are not recyclable. Those sacks jam the sorting machines.

Waste Management, in cooperation with Ripple Glass, has placed a glass recycling container at the local Price Chopper.

Yard waste pickup is an optional service. The cost is \$5.04 per month. Yard waste is collected 42 weeks each year with six bags allowed during all months but November and December when households may set out 10 bags.

For more information on any of the trash services, including a handy guide to recyclable items, go to the City's website and click on the "Services" tab and then "Garbage Collection."



City says thanks for participation, progress

When you complete a big task, it is always nice to look at it and say to yourself "was it worth it? Did I accomplish the goals that I wanted and needed?"

As the Broadway project is very close to completion we are to the point where we can reflect on the project. For several years many Louisburg citizens, business owners, and elected officials have completed surveys, served on many committees and spent countless hours providing input to how this project should be completed. We did not always agree,

but after many discussions, we were able to find ways to keep the project moving forward and remain focused on the overall goals. For this I would like to say thank you to all of those involved and hope that you are proud of the outcome and the overall look of our downtown.

For all the businesses who were inconvenienced by the construction, including the construction of the Amity/Metcalf project, your sacrifice has not gone unnoticed and we truly owe you a debt of gratitude.

In the next several weeks, the city council will be going through the 20-year comprehensive plan, prioritizing where sidewalks need to be added from the results of the master trails plan, and continuing discussions about the waste water plant. Please attend the meetings and stay involved in discussions and happenings with our city.

Mayor's Minute

Marty Southard

Getting to know.....Elections

National, state and local elections are just around the corner with voting taking place Tuesday, Nov. 7.

Two Louisburg city council member seats will appear on the local ballot.

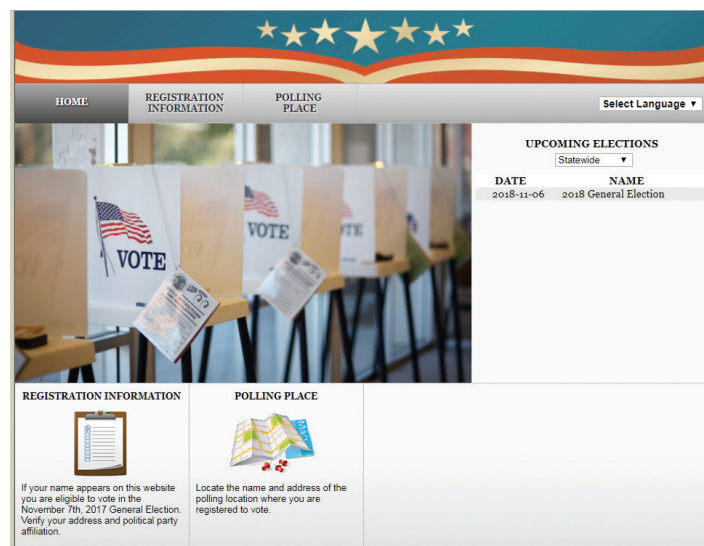
The Miami County government website has a great deal of information on elections including downloadable forms to register to vote and to request an advanced ballot to vote by mail. The information can be found on the County's website on the County Clerk/Elections page under the Important Links section.

Voter registration ends Oct. 17. Registration can be done in person or through the mail.

Advance voting begins Oct. 18 and runs through noon, Monday, Nov. 6. Voters can vote in person at the Miami County Administration Building, 201 S. Pearl, Suite 102, Paola. Voters can also vote by mail by requesting a mailed ballot.

A great tool to find out more information on elections is the website: <http://myvoteinfo.voteks.org>. This website offers information to voters including polling locations, a list of past elections in which the voter has voted and a sample ballot of the next election.

A spokesperson in the County Clerk's office said this



Myvoteinfo.voteks.org offers information on polling locations and sample ballots for any election in Kansas.

site will also verify if you are registered to vote in the state.

A link to this site is on the County's Elections page and is also available on the City's website.

Open burning inside city limits

Open burning of leaves and yard debris is allowed only on Fridays and Saturdays within the City limits without a burning permit, which are issued by the Fire Department.

There are some guidelines to follow when open burning.

- Outside burning shall be attended at all times by the person who set the fire;
- Do not initiate or add materials to an existing burn during night hours, which is 2 hours before sunset until 1 hour after sunrise;
- No burning on the street;
- Do not burn if the wind speed is greater than 15 mph.

If you are unsure if it is safe to burn, call the Fire Department at 837-4700.

Leaves and grass clippings are not accepted at the



Burning fall leaves and yard debris is only allowed on Fridays and Saturdays within the City limits.

City's brush dump and may not be included in your regular trash unless you have a separate yard waste service.